

Testimony of

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Good afternoon, Senator McCrory, Representative Currey, Senator Berthel, Representative McCarty, and members of the Education Committee.

I testify today in support of House Bill 6884. This bill takes important steps toward addressing the educator shortage in Connecticut, showing educators that theirs is a respected profession, and ensuring that our classrooms and schools can provide the best possible education for our students.

I am a fourth-year teacher certified in music education. All of the bill's proposals would enhance the teaching profession. I strongly believe that there needs to be improvement in retention of teachers and this bill is aimed about improving our working conditions. Please pass this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

